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*Response to Amendment*

The reply filed on December 6, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant elected the species of figures 3-6, the absorbent garment and not the wrap of figures 8 and 9. Applicant also seeks to have claims 10-26 examined. Clearly, claims 19-26 are drawn to the self-engaging wrap of figures 8 and 9, the non-elected species. Since claim construction is at issue, applicant is specifically required to indicate how claims 19-26 are drawn to an absorbent garment, the elected species. It appears that only claims 10-18 would be drawn to the elected species of figures 3-6. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is (703) 308-2222. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (703) 306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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